

Fish edged by Hill JC after winning two contests last week

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In an intense physical battle Monday night, Aaron Teixeira dropped the first shot of a one-and-one free throw situation after A&M had tied the score at 68-all. A&M had the final opportunity with four seconds on the board but an errant pass saved the 69-68 win for Hill Junior College.

The win gave Hill a 16-1 record with its only loss coming at the hands of perennial power, San Jacinto. The loss drops the Fish to 4-2.

A&M can be proud, however, as it held Hill to its lowest point production of the year. The Rebels have averaged 104 points through the first 16 games.

The absence of Mike Floyd, out for the year after sustaining a broken foot against San Antonio College in the last outing, was prevalent as the Fish were without an outside scoring threat and ball handler.

The Fish fought back from an eight point deficit with four minutes gone in the second act to a tie with eight minutes remaining.

Ron Marsh, Hill's diminutive sharp-shooting guard, led the scorers with 25 points on 10 of 17 field attempts. Cedric Joseph took runner-up honors with 21 points and led the game in rebounds with 13. All in all, A&M had four scorers in double figures while the Rebels had only one.

The margin of victory for Hill came on the outside shooting percentages by hitting 28 of 53 for 53 percent. A&M could only hit 25 of 60 for 41 percent. Free throws for both clubs were less than spectacular with A&M hitting only 18 of 33 and Hill with 13 of 22.

Against Blinn Junior College, Floyd and Joseph led the Fish as usual in a game won on the free throw line. Blinn had but one less field goal, hitting 29 of the freshmen's 30, but hit on only eight of 17 gratis attempts. A&M hit 24 of 34 for the third straight win and the first since returning from the semester break. The loss was Blinn's fourth in 10 starts.

Shooting percentages also played an important part for the Fish. A&M hit on 14 of 22 from the field for a blistering 64 percent during the first stanza and finished the contest hitting 30 of 58 for 52 percent. The tremendous height advantage enabled A&M to achieve this seemingly hot hand with numerous tip-in shots over the smaller Blinn team. A&M outrebounded the visitors 59 to 35. Blinn hit on only 29 of 75 shots to spell them doom.

A&M, who had not played since Dec. 14, looked sluggish and out of tune in committing 19 turnovers while the visitors made only nine.

A few nights later the Fish were to try to avenge their only loss of the year against the San Antonio College Rangers. In the first game of the season, Jim Culpepper's club was bested by his brother Ronnie's Rangers 79-67 in San Antonio. The win, which did not come easy, cost the Fish dearly as their top scorer, Floyd, broke his foot and will not be back in action throughout the remainder of the season. Floyd was injured with just over two minutes gone in the second period after he had sparked the Fish to six straight points. At the time of his exit, A&M had a narrow 47-44 edge and the ability to come back after the loss seemed far-fetched. This was not to be the case, however, as Cedric Joseph filled in the void by scoring 19 of his 31 points in the second half. In the contest, SAC led only one time, 23-22, with 9:40 remaining in the first half. With a little over seven minutes left in the game, A&M achieved its largest lead, 14, and coasted in to take the 88-75 win and avenging the earlier loss to the Rangers.

Joseph, besides his 31 much-needed points, grabbed off 15 caroms to lead the team. Close behind was Jerry Mercer with 14 rebounds and eight points. Taking second place scoring honors was Webb Williams with 15 and 10 rebounds. High scorer for the visitors was Mike Luce with 30 points. In the first meeting, John Thornton, the A&M farm-out to SAC, took runnerup honors with 17 points. Again, a lack of hustle could have been disastrous as the Rangers got 48 rebounds to 57 for the Fish.

The scoring:
A&M—Mike Floyd, 26; Cedric Joseph, 16; Webb Williams, 11;

Jerry Mercer, 10; Dale Donaldson, 10; Isdell Birnbaum, 5; Bill Allen, 4; Ronnie Cornelius, 1 and James Kolar, 1.

Blinn — Connei Hunter, 16; Glenn Barrett, 15; James Price, 11; Mike Horn, 6; Tim McCarty,

6; Donnie Kover, 4; Crawford, 4, and Lorenson, 4.

A&M—Cedric Joseph, 26; Floyd, 16; Webb Williams, 11; Jerry Mercer, 8; Dale Donaldson, 6; Isdell Birnbaum, 5; Ronnie Cornelius, 2; Bill Allen, 1 and John Vaughan, 2.

San Antonio—Mike Luce, 30; John Thornton, 17; Herbie 11; Ray Wilson, 8; Jerry 5; and John Myers, 4.

A&M—Cedric Joseph, 26; Williams, 13; Dale Donaldson, 10; Jerry Mercer, 8; Isdell Birnbaum, 6; Ronnie Cornelius, 2; John Vaughan, 4; Hill — Ron Marsh, 25; Sylvester, 8; Jackie 8; Chris Mills, 8; Leon 4; Richard Matkin, 4; Bill 4; Aaron Teixeira, 3; and Taylor, 1.

Richardson elected Aggie Club head

Joe C. Richardson, Jr. of Amarillo has been elected 1972 president of The Aggie Club, the 1,200-member organization that helps provide for the higher education of student-athletes at A&M.

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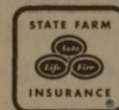
"As for the athletic program, I think Emory Bellard is an ideal man to head it up—both as athletic director and head football coach," the 1949 A&M graduate added. "I also think President Jack K. Williams and members of the Board of Directors and faculty who selected him should be congratulated on their foresight and insight."

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